

# **12 FAH-8 H-540**

## **FIRE SAFETY AND PROTECTION**

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### **12 FAH-8 H-541 GENERAL**

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a. The need to protect employees and eligible family members from the effects of life threatening fire or other hazards is an important aspect of residential security. U.S. personnel residing abroad lack many of the fundamental fire protection features found in the United States. Of primary importance, is the ability of occupants to escape from a fire or other life-threatening situation.

b. Life and safety issues generally fall within the purview of the M/OBO Fire Protection Division (M/OBO/OPS/FIR) and the Safety, Health and Environment Division (M/OBO/OPS/SHEM). These offices should be consulted for the latest information on life and safety issues. (See M/OBO, *Fire Protection Guide*, and 6 FAM 610, *SHEM Program*, for more information.)

c. All residences should be equipped with:

- (1) Early warning smoke and fire detection systems; and
- (2) Carbon monoxide detectors should be considered in countries or climates, as appropriate.

d. Where residences are equipped with window grilles, at least one grille must be equipped with an emergency release device in each bedroom and other rooms, as necessary.

e. DS/CIS/PSP/FPD does not fund, provide or recommend specific brands or kinds of first aid equipment such as ladders, ropes or other emergency escape devices designed for use in residences.

f. The General Service Office (GSO) is the responsible office for fire and life safety issues and equipment. Posts are not prevented from providing such devices at their own initiative and expense.

g. Posts should be familiar with local fire department rescue capabilities.

### **12 FAH-8 H-542 THROUGH H-549**

#### **UNASSIGNED**